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SHARP REDUCTION OF ALBANIAN SHEEP FLOCK

Up to the present, the government of Albania has formed cooperatives of sheep breeders throughout the country. Now it has passed a law which may lead to the destruction of privately owned flocks. This law obliges all farmers to make a annual contribution in meat for each one-dynym (1,000-square-meter) plot of ground owned. Sheep owners, however, must pay the state 50 percent of their flocks, since they are obliged to give 12 kilograms of meat for each live sheep.

The government is employing force to impoverish the Albanians. The case of a sheep owner who has 100 sheep may be taken as an example. The average weight of a live sheep is 25-30 kilograms, hence, the total weight of 100 sheep amounts to 2,500-3,000 kilograms. Since the owner is obliged to give the state 12 kilograms per head, he must deliver 1,200 kilograms for his 100 sheep, the equivalent of 50 sheep or 50 percent of his flock. It follows that in 2 years the state will own all the sheep in Albania. The government pays the owner 10-16 leks per kilogram for a sheep on the hoof. In cooperatives the price of one lamb is 200-250 leks, while the same lamb on the black market brings 2,500-2,000 leks.

But the most serious part of the situation is that the cooperatives supply only adherents of the party. Other farmers who do not owr sheep or who do not have enough sheep must buy them on the black market at the high price of 3,000 leks to satisfy the quota they must pay on their land. If unable to satisfy this quots, sooner or later they will be obliged to give up their land and hire out as ordinary laborers on the state farms. Consequently, both the sheep breeders and the sheep are diminishing at an alarming rate. According to recent information the flocks in Albauia are reduced to one third the prewar number.

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